REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-19, and 20-26 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 8, 10, 17, 19, and 26 are the independent claims. Claims 2, 11, and 20 are cancelled in the present reply.

Telephonic Examiner Interview

The undersigned and examiner Ted Vo conducted a telephonic examiner interview on June 9, 2009. Claims 1 and 2 were discussed. The examiner indicated that amending claim 1 as above, including the limitations of claim 2 would overcome the "C# Language Specification" reference discussed below. Applicants thank examiner for the interview, and if any other matters arise for discussion, examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' representative at (206) 849-5938.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter.

Applicants have amended the preamble of claim 1 to read, "<u>A method used by a compiler stored in a computer system, that when executed by a processor on the computer system, the method performs operations</u> In a compiler, a method of determining a target type in an expression comprising an operator and at least one expression operand in a loosely-typed programming language, the method comprising the steps of:" Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment overcomes the present rejection as to claim 1 as well as dependent claims 2-9.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by "C# Language Specification," Version 0.28, May 2001.

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the recitations of claim 2 and to recite the operation of "determining that the operator is not defined over at least one operand." The first part of this amendment is supported by the specification in at least paragraphs [0050]-[0051]. As discussed in the interview summary, applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is not taught by the "C# Language Specification." Applicants have amended independent claims 10 and 19 in a similar fashion.

Applicants have amended independent claim 8 to recite the operation of "determining that the operator is not defined over at least one operand." Applicants have amended independent claims 17 and 26 in a similar fashion. Applicants respectfully submit that this language is not taught by the reference.

For at least this reason, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 8, 10, 17, 19 and 26 are in condition for allowance, as are their respective dependent claims.

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